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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA: MANDELA FREED. (U)

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TEXT: 1. (U) ~~NELSON MANDELA~~ ENDED MORE THAN 27 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT ON 11 FEBRUARY.

2. (U) MANDELA, SYMBOLIC LEADER OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC), TRAVELED BY MOTORCADE TO CAPE TOWN TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AND TO ADDRESS A LARGE CROWD OF SUPPORTERS. HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO HIS HOME IN SOWETO OUTSIDE JOHANNESBURG ON THE 12TH. CELEBRATION OF HIS RELEASE IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS THROUGHOUT SOUTH

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AFRICA. SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE ALLEGEDLY FIRED BUCKSHOT AT A SECTION OF A CROWD IN CAPE TOWN AWAITING MANDELA'S ARRIVAL, TOUCHING OFF A MINOR MELEE WHEN THE CROWD RETALIATED BY THROWING STONES AND ROCKS AT THE POLICE.

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3. ~~(C)~~ (U) COMMENT: MANDELA IS NOT EXPECTED TO ASSUME AN OFFICIAL POSITION IN THE ANC. RATHER, HE WILL MOST LIKELY BE A MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE OPPOSITION GROUP AND THE GOVERNMENT AS THE COUNTRY MOVES TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ENDING WHITE MINORITY RULE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT PRETORIA AND THE ANC WILL BE UNDER INCREASING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO BE FLEXIBLE AND TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING DEMOCRACY TO SOUTH AFRICA.

4. ~~(C)~~ (U) MANDELA'S SAFETY WILL BE A MAJOR CONCERN FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ANC. RIGHTWING WHITES VIEW MANDELA AS A TERRORIST, AND THEY

CONSIDER HIS RELEASE AND THE OPENING OF TALKS WITH THE ANC. ACTS OF TREASON BY THE DE KLERK GOVERNMENT. SOME BLACKS, HOWEVER, ALSO OPPOSE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND MAY POSE A THREAT TO MANDELA.

5. ~~(C)~~ (U) THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT DE KLERK TO FREE MANDELA WAS GREETED WITH APPROVAL WORLDWIDE AND MAY PROMPT INCREASED DEBATE ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND RELATIONS WITH PRETORIA. BEFORE DE KLERK'S 2

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FEBRUARY SPEECH LEGALIZING THE ANC AND OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS AND PROMISING TO RELEASE MANDELA, ANTIAPARTHEID GROUPS HAD BEEN CALLING FOR STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF SOUTH AFRICA. DE KLERK'S REFORM INITIATIVES CAUGHT THE OPPOSITION OFF-GUARD AND CAUSED IT TO SHIFT ITS EMPHASIS FROM TRYING TO INCREASE SANCTIONS TO ISSUING WARNINGS THAT THE EASING OF SANCTIONS AT THIS TIME MIGHT BE TOO EARLY.

6. ~~(C)~~ (U) MANDELA'S FREEDOM WILL INTENSIFY THE DEBATE AS MANY COUNTRIES SEEK TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR DE KLERK'S EFFORTS AND LIFT SOME SANCTIONS. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE OPENLY CALLING FOR ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRETORIA, A MOVE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INCONVEIVABLE 6 MONTHS AGO.

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MAJOR POINTS

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1. (U) NELSON ~~MANDELA~~ LEFT VICTOR VERSTER PRISON ON 11 FEBRUARY AFTER MORE THAN 27 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.
2. (U) PRESIDENT DE KLERK INDICATED THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY COULD BE LIFTED SHORTLY BUT ONLY IF IT WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE THE

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MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER.

3. ~~(S)~~ (U) THE FUTURE POSITION OF MANDELA WITH THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) IS AMBIGUOUS SINCE HE HOLDS NO OFFICE. HOWEVER, HE HAS THE ALLEGIANCE OF MILLIONS OF SOUTH AFRICANS.
4. ~~(U)~~ (U) NO TIMETABLE EXISTS FOR TALKS BETWEEN PRETORIA AND OPPOSITION GROUPS, BUT TALKS TO ESTABLISH THE GROUND RULES MAY SOON BEGIN.
5. ~~(S)~~ (U) EVEN AFTER NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN, THE PROCESS IS LIKELY TO BE ACRIMONIOUS AND LENGTHY.

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BACKGROUND

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6. (U) WHEN NELSON MANDELA, SYMBOLIC LEADER OF THE ANC, WALKED OUT

OF PRISON, HE ENDED ONE ERA IN SOUTH AFRICA'S HISTORY AND BEGAN ANOTHER.

7. (U) IN 1962 MANDELA AND SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE THEN ILLEGAL ANC WERE CONVICTED OF INCITING REVOLUTION AND WERE SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON. DURING HIS INCARCERATION, MANDELA REMAINED COMMITTED TO THE GOAL OF A NONRACIAL, SOCIALIST, AND UNITARY SOUTH AFRICAN STATE. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DE KLERK'S IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR, P. W. BOTHA,

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OFFERED MANDELA HIS FREEDOM IN EXCHANGE FOR A RENUNCIATION OF VIOLENCE, BUT THE LATTER REFUSED. MANDELA ARGUED THAT THE ANC FORMED ITS MILITARY WING, UMKHONTO WE Sizwe, OR MK, IN RESPONSE TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S USE OF FORCE TO MAINTAIN THE POLICY OF RACIAL SEPARATION, OR APARTHEID. UNTIL PRETORIA ENDS APARTHEID THE ARMED STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE.

8. ~~(C)~~ (U) DE KLERK, MORE SO THAN ANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS, HAS SHOWN A WILLINGNESS TO SEEK A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. HE RECOGNIZES THAT ALTHOUGH PRETORIA HAS THE POWER TO MAINTAIN WHITE RULE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, THE COST IS GROWING INCREASINGLY UNACCEPTABLE. IN MANDELA, DE KLERK SAW A MODERATE POLITICIAN WITH WHOM HE COULD DEAL AND WHOSE RELEASE FROM PRISON WOULD SEND A SIGNAL OF HIS COMMITMENT TO CHANGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

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9. ~~(C)~~ (U) AFTER HIS RELEASE, MANDELA ADDRESSED A LARGE CROWD OF SUPPORTERS IN CAPE TOWN. HE RESTATED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE ANC LEADERSHIP AND THE ANC'S ARMED STRUGGLE AND SAID THAT TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IS LIFTED.

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NONETHELESS, EVEN WITHOUT A FORMAL LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE ANC MANDELA EPITOMIZES THE ANC FOR MOST SOUTH AFRICANS. ALTHOUGH HE IS COMMITTED TO BRINGING ABOUT DEMOCRACY, HE IS CONSCIOUS OF THE CONCERNS OF MANY WHITES THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL NOT BE PROTECTED IN A MAJORITY-RULED COUNTRY.

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10. ~~(C)~~ (U) SOME YOUNGER ANC LEADERS WHO HOLD VIEWS SIMILAR TO MANDELA'S ARE REPORTEDLY WILLING TO ACCEPT AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS, [REDACTED] WITH A NEW CONSTITUTION BEING IMPLEMENTED [REDACTED] MK MEMBERS AND RADICAL YOUTHS IN THE BLACK TOWNSHIPS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO ARGUE FOR THE NEED TO ACHIEVE POWER BY FORCE. [REDACTED]

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11. ~~(C)~~ (U) DE KLERK MUST MAINTAIN SECURITY WHILE HE TRIES TO REMOVE THE REMAINING APARTHEID LEGISLATION. HE MUST ALSO CONVINCE THE WHITE MINORITY THAT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OFFERS IT THE BEST

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OPPORTUNITY TO MAINTAIN ITS CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC IDENTITY, AS WELL AS ITS ECONOMIC POSITION, IN A NEW SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY. RIGHTWING ELEMENTS OF THE WHITE POPULATION WILL TRY TO HALT REFORM, BUT DE KLERK'S NATIONAL PARTY IS SECURELY IN CONTROL. THAT CONTROL COULD BE THREATENED, HOWEVER, IF VIOLENCE AGAINST WHITE CIVILIANS INCREASES OR IF THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO DECLINE.

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12. ~~(C)~~ (U) THE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOOD, BUT THE TALKS ARE LIKELY TO BE DRAWN OUT AND CONTENTIOUS. [REDACTED]

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13. ~~(C)~~ (U) IF THE NATION REMAINS GENERALLY CALM OVER THE NEXT FEW .
WEEKS, DE KLERK IS LIKELY TO REMOVE THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PUSH

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FOR FURTHER REFORM OF APARTHEID LAWS, SUCH AS THE SEPARATE AMENITIES
ACT. WHILE DOING THIS, DE KLERK MUST SHOW WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT
HE WILL MAINTAIN THEIR SECURITY AND THAT THE BENEFITS OF
NEGOTIATIONS OUTWEIGH THE RISKS.

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